



DRAFT MINUTES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. John Knotwell, Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Suzanne Harrison
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Marc K. Roberts
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kyle R. Andersen

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

Chair Knotwell called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-8

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Harrison
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. A. Stoddard
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

2 . Plain Language Ballots

[2a - California-Oregon Examples Ballot Prop Language](#)

[2b - Presentation, Plain Language Ballots](#)

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, discussed a proposal to shorten and simplify ballot language while increasing the availability of ballot information through other means.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to open committee bill to address issues regarding plain language ballots. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 6.



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Nays-2

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3 . Facial Recognition Technology Use

[3a - New York Times Article - ICE Used Facial Recognition to Mine State Driver's License Databases](#)

[3b - Washington Post - FBI, ICE find state driver's license photos are a gold mine for facial-recognition searches](#)

[3c - Utah Department of Public Safety Facial Recognition Program](#)

[3d - Testimony of Harrison Rudolph, Associate, Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law, regarding Facial Recognition Technology Use](#)

[3e - Memorandum of Understanding FBI-DPS Facial Recognition Searches](#)

[3f - DPS Facial Recognition Queries 2015-2017](#)

[3g - DPS GRAMA Response-Materials Facial Recognition Inquiry](#)

[3h- The Perpetual Line-Up - Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown Law](#)

Harrison Rudolph, Associate, Center on Privacy and Technology, Georgetown University Law Center, discussed concerns about the state's use of facial recognition technology for law enforcement and other purposes.

Jess Anderson, Commissioner of Public Safety, discussed the policies, practices, and circumstances under which the Department of Public Safety uses facial recognition technology.

Marina Lowe, American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, expressed support for temporarily suspending the state's use of facial recognition technology.

Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Institute, expressed concern with the accuracy of facial recognition technology and supported various types of legislative action.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, expressed concern regarding the state's use of facial recognition technology.

Chair Knotwell asked staff to prepare a proposal placing statutory guidelines around the state's use of facial recognition technology and a proposal pausing the state's use of facial recognition technology.

4 . Voter Registration Records

[4 - UCA 20A-2-104. Voter Registration Form and Access to Voter Registration Records](#)

Sen. Anderegg discussed challenges created by 2018 General Session S.B. 74, "Voter Privacy Amendments," due to a larger number of voters opting to designate their voter registration records as private records under the Government Records Access and Management Act.



Jeff Merchant, Chair, Utah Democratic Party, stated the importance of balancing voter privacy and a political party's need to disseminate information to its members, particularly prior to primary elections.

Derek Brown, Chair, Utah Republican Party, commented on a political party's need for access to and the use of voter registration records.

5 . Congressional Vacancies

This item was not discussed.

6 . Required Reports: Boards and Commissions

This item was not discussed.

7 . Other Items/Adjourn

Chair Knotwell adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.